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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP APPROACH TO SOVIETS ON
REICHSBAHN CONSTRUCTION

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1. ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS HAVE DISCUSSED
TRIPARTITELY POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP ACTION AIMED AT INDUCING
THE GDR TO HAVE THE REICHSBAHN SUBMIT THE FINAL SET OF
PLANS FOR REICHSBAHN CONSTRUCTION. UK REP UNDERSTANDS
THAT HERZ WAS IN BONN APRIL 29 (THE SAME DAY THAT
MAYOR SCHUETZ RAISED THE MATTER WITH COMMANDANTS) TO
DISCUSS FURTHER ACTION WITH STATE SECRETARY SCHUELER
IN THE CHANCELLERY. ON THAT DATE THE FRG REP ALSO
RAISED THE MATTER IN THE BONN GROUP, BUT ONLY TO SEEK
A STATUS REPORT FROM ALLIED REPS. HE GAVE NO
INDICATION OF AWARENESS OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE
SENAT AND THE CHANCELLERY, NOR HAS THE FRG RAISED THE
QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP APPROACH BY GAUS.

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2. IN TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS, THE FRENCH REP

(BOISSIEU) HAS EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL VIEW THAT NOTHING MORE SHOULD BE DONE TO FOLLOW-UP WITH THE GDR. HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION IS THAT IF THE ADDITIONAL LAND WHICH IS NEEDED IS NOT MADE AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THE REICHSBAHN HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH ALLIED LEGISLATION, IT WILL BE THE REICHSBAHN ITSELF WHICH MUST EVENTUALLY CEASE WORK. HE WOULD PREFER, THEREFORE, THAT WE SIMPLY SIT IT OUT -- THOUGH HE RECOGNIZED THAT BONN EMBASSIES DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL THE PRESSURES THIS TIME ARE ON THE GDR .

3. THE UK REP (HITCH) REPORTED THE DESIRE OF THE BRITISH MISSION TO HAVE A FOLLOW-UP APPROACH TO KHOTULEV. NEITHER US NOR FRENCH REP WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE IDEA, AND HITCH DID NOT ADVOCATE IT STRONGLY. NEVERTHELESS, THE CONSENSUS OF THE THREE REPS WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO CHAIRMAN POLAD'S REMINDING KHOTULEV OF OUR EXPECTATION THAT ALLIED LEGISLATION WILL BE COMPLIED WITH, ON UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE MADE THE SUBJECT OF A SPECIAL TRIP TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY TO SEE KHOTULEV BUT WOULD SIMPLY BE TAKEN UP IN PASSING IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER BUSINESS.

4. EMBASSY THEREFORE AGREES THAT USBER MAY JOIN IN A CONSENSUS OF THE THREE MISSIONS FOR SUCH A FOLLOW-UP APPROACH ON CONDITIONS STATED ABOVE.
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